

# Faculty of Law

## Higher Certificate in Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigations

Centre for Continuing Education Programmes



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## Basic Criminal Law and Specific Offences

Forensic auditors and other investigators of crime must have a basic understanding of the general principles of criminal law. In addition, the economic crime investigator must have detailed knowledge of the specific elements of those crimes he or she will investigate. Crimes that will be addressed are the so-called “white collar” or economic crimes.

- General principles of criminal law
- Fraud, with emphasis on management and employee fraud
- Theft, also identity theft
- Review of Cybercrimes Act, 19 of 2020
- Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No. 12 of 2004
- Other statutory offences

## Forensic Investigations

This topic not only deals with the gathering of evidence but also emphasises interviewing and interrogation techniques. Students are provided with hints on where to obtain evidence, as well as how to preserve it for evidentiary purposes. He or she must also know how to report the results of examinations, how to evaluate the veracity of potential witnesses and numerous other matters relating to investigations. Categories included in this topic are:

- Basic methods of investigation
- The crime investigation process
- Evidence gathering and preservation
- Interviewing of witnesses and suspects
- Statement taking and document analysis
- The nature, investigation and combating of economic crime

- Practical guidelines on the prevention of fraud
- Interpretation of Prevention of Organised Crime Act

## Law of Evidence and the Constitution

Topics in this section mainly deal with issues of admissibility of evidence.

Apart from a discussion on different important legal concepts, many practical examples and case studies of what the legal system might expect from investigators will be included. The possible consequences of any conduct or action in light of our Constitution will form a very important part of the lectures. Some of the topics include:

- Rules of evidence in general
- Similar fact evidence
- Opinion evidence and expert witnesses
- Hearsay evidence
- Documentary and real evidence (also computer print-outs)
- Competence, compellability and privilege
- Admissions and confessions
- Entry, search and seizure of articles VS fundamental rights
- Whistle-blowing
- Interception, monitoring and entrapment
- Review of Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013

## Basic Auditing Principles

Particular emphasis is placed on the changing roles of internal auditors and fraud investigators. Accountants and auditors will be more familiar with this area. Topics that are addressed

may serve to refresh the memory but students are also provided with new preventative and detection techniques. Most of the time allocated will be spent on practical issues and case studies. Sub-topics include:

- Introduction to forensic auditing
- Key factors to put forensic auditing into perspective
- Auditing principles and standards
- Identifying illicit or suspect transactions
- Generally accepted accounting practice

## The Programme

- The lectures will be presented in English.
- The programme on Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigations consists of four modules which investigate the legal implications of the investigative and auditing functions of the forensic investigator.
- The programme seeks to provide the student with an initial basic understanding of applicable legal theory and thereafter to deal with the legal problems involved in the important practical situations he or she may encounter in his or her professional capacity.
- Persons involved in the internal investigation of financial records, improper conduct or criminal activities such as fraud and theft will find this programme of particular interest.
- Students will be kept abreast of the latest legal developments.

The Higher Certificate in Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigations is a one-year extra-curricular programme.

## Admission Requirements

The following persons qualify for admission to this course:

- Practising accountants
- Forensic auditors and economic crime investigators (public and private sectors)
- Matric with at least 3 years' work experience in investigations
- Persons in the Banking and Insurance Industry are also welcome to apply
- Applicants will be subject to a selection process and numbers will be limited.

## Assessment

There will be a written examination at the end of the academic year. Three Individual assignments must be submitted during the year.

## Application to Enrol

Online application can be made from **16 August 2021 to 15 February 2022** unless the date is extended.

The following documents must be submitted with the Application:

1. An abridged CV of no more than 3 pages outlining in particular your work experience;
2. **Certified** copy of ID Document;
3. **Certified** copy of Matric Certificate. Any other school leaving certificate must be evaluated by SAQA: Tel No. 012 431 5000;
4. **Certified** copy of Tertiary qualification certificate/s (if applicable);
5. **Certified** copy of the Academic Transcript of your qualification/s (if applicable);
6. **Certified** copy of Marriage/Decree of Divorce Certificate (if applicable)

## Online Application

- The Course Code is: **F4CJFQ**.
- Go to the UJ WebSite [www.uj.ac.za](http://www.uj.ac.za) and follow these steps:
  - Choose:- Study@UJ
  - Select category below to apply:  
Select – Continuing Education Programmes (CEP) / Short Learning Programmes (SLP) / Choose New Applicant / Submit OR Returning Internal Applicant / Submit
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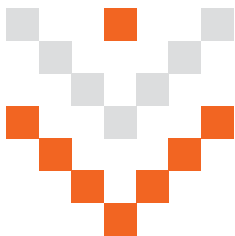
Should you encounter any difficulty with this process you can call the Student Enrolment Centre on 011 559 4555.

## Course Fees

Please contact the Law: CEP to confirm the course fees

After the Application has been processed and the Student is Admitted to the programme he/she will be notified when to make the necessary payments. The breakdown will be as follows:

- A first minimum payment on Registration (approx. 30% of the Course Fee).
- The next payment 60% of remaining balance by 14 April.
- Thereafter, the remaining balance by 15 August.



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**SADC Students** – (This is for applicants who do not have a South African ID.)

Please be aware that SADC students also pay an International Levy. SADC / International Students must also contact the International Office of UJ prior to registration.

## Programme Presenters

The programme director and presenter is Prof Dawie de Villiers (UJ - Criminal Law and Law of Evidence). Part-time: Dr Marna Jackson (E+Y) and Prof Peter Goss.

## Administrative Enquiries

More details on the programmes are available from the Faculty of Law. Please contact the Course Coordinator, Ms Esmeralde du Plessis. **Tel:** 011 559 2328  
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